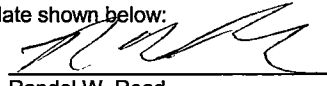


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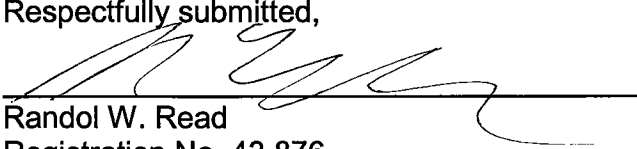
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

On June 6, 2006, a telephonic interview was held between Randol Read and Examiner James P. Hughes. Applicants discussed the relevant prior art, dependent claims regarding optical waveguides in view of the cited prior art, and functional language limitations with the Examiner. In addition, proposed amendments reciting a specific minimum diameter of 400 um were discussed. Thereafter, Applicants filed a response clarifying the invention in a manner not discussed during the interview.

Examiner's Interview Summary, dated June 9, 2006 is substantially similar to the Statement of Substance presented herein.

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